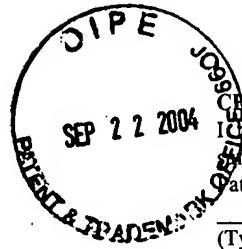


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Serial No. 10/017,574) Group Art Unit: 2124
Filing Date: December 13, 2001)
Title: APPLYING TERM CONSISTENCY TO AN)
INEQUALITY CONSTRAINED INTERVAL)
GLOBAL OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM)

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed September 10, 2004.
- A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), including
 - check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
 - 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and 9 references.
- No additional claims fees are required.

An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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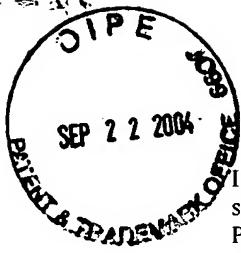
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AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the office action of **September 10, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.